

In the Claims

Please amend the following claim:

1. (twice amended) A process for distilling paraffinic hydrocarbons comprising the steps of:

feeding a Fischer-Tropsch derived paraffinic hydrocarbon feedstock comprising heavy paraffinic hydrocarbons and, optionally, light paraffinic hydrocarbons, medium paraffinic hydrocarbons or a mixture thereof, into a distillation column;  
withdrawing from the distillation column an overhead stream, a bottom stream comprising wax products, and at least one side stream comprising wax products; and  
operating the distillation column so that there is no thermal degradation of the feedstock or of the wax products, with the wax products of the bottom stream and of the side stream thus being usable wax products.